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AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

AMEMBASSY MEXICO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NEW ARGENTINE AMBASSADORS TO MEXICO AND BRAZIL

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ANNOUNCED THAT AMBASSADOR ANGEL F. ROBLEDO, CURRENT ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR IN MEXICO, WILL SHORTLY BE TRANSFERRED TO BRASILIA. THIS IS VIEWED AS EXCELLENT CHOICE. AS DEFENSE MINISTER, ROBLEDO EARNED THE RESPECT OF THE ARMED FORCES HERE, AND IT IS BELIEVED HE CAN ESTABLISH RAPPORT WITH THE BRAZILIAN MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

2. SOURCES IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE CONFIDENTIALLY CONFIRMED THAT "THERE IS PROBABLY SOMETHING TO" THE LA OPINION STORY MAY 6 THAT AMBASSADOR FRANCISCO MOLINA SALAS, CURRENTLY THE DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL PLANNING, WILL GO AS AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO RATHER THAN TO DENMARK, AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. MOLINA SALAS IS EXTREMELY COMPETENT CAREER OFFICER WHO HAS MANAGED TO GET ALONG WELL WITH FONMIN VIGNES. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, VIGNES ORIGINALLY OFFERED MOLINA SALAS THE EMBASSY IN BRAZIL. MOLINA SALAS TURNED IT DOWN, HOWEVER, BECAUSE HE FELT JOB REQUIRED MORE POLITICAL CLOUT THAN HE HAD. HE ACCEPTED COPENHAGEN AND APPARENTLY WAS HAPPY WITH IT (INDEED, GOA HAD ALREADY ASKED FOR AGREEMENT), BUT NOW THAT ROBLEDO IS TO BE MOVED
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TO BRAZIL, MOLINA SALAS HAS REPOLBEDLY ACCEPTED CHANCE TO GO AS

AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO, HIS MOTHER'S NATIVE LAND.

3. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD ADDITIONAL BIO INFORMATION TO
BRASILIA AND MEXICO CITY WHEN TWO APPOINTMENTS ARE
CONFIRMED.

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